

Remarks

I. Status of the Application and Claims

As originally filed, the present application had a total of 14 claims. These have now all been cancelled and new claims 15-28 have been entered.

II. The Amendments

The amendments made herein are directed to the claims in restriction Group III that was imposed during the examination of the parent of the present application. In addition, reference to specific polynucleotides corresponds exactly to the claims that were allowed in the parent application. The changes made herein do not add new matter to the application and their entry is therefore respectfully requested.

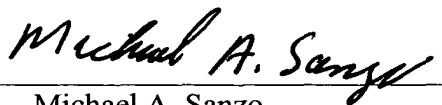
Conclusion

It is believed that the present application is now in condition for immediate allowance and early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a phone call may help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at (202) 419-7013.

Respectfully submitted,

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